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INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2623

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ML, UV

SUBJECT: BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

REF: OUAGA 2622 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ALL VOLTAN BORDERS
HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO MALIAN NATIONALS AND THAT THE
ENTIRE VOLTAN ARMY AND GENDARMERIE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON
ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE TO NORTHER BORDER. VOLTAN
SECURITY OFFICIAL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT WE ADVISE THE
ONLY AMERICAN FAMILY IN DJIBO AREA TO MOVE TO OUAGADOUGOU-
GOU AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DOING SO.

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2. A VOLTAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

SAYE ZERBO, IS REPORTEDLY LEAVING TODAY FOR MOGADISCIO PRESUMABLY TO ASK OUA PRESIDENT SIAD TO SEND FACT-FINDING MISSION TO UPPER VOLTA. DELEGATION WILL THEN PROCEED TO PARIS, DAKAR, ABIDJAN AND NIAMEY BEFORE RETURNING TO OUAGADOUGOU ON DECEMBER 23.

3. AS CAN BE EXPECTED, ALL SORTS OF WILD RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN OUAGADOUGOU. IT IS CLAIMED THAT MALIANS HAVE BEEN BEATEN UP IN BOBO-DOULASSO AND IN OUAGADOUGOU-GOU; THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS DECLARED WAR ON MALI; THAT TOTAL MOBILIZATION IS BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT UPPER VOLTA; AND THAT VOLTAN ARMED FORCES HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS BUT OUR RESOURCES ARE LIMITED.
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